

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A portable computer having a hidden keyboard structure, comprising:
  - a shell having a top face, and four peripheral sides, said shell having
  - 5 installed in said top face thereof a LCD panel and a keyboard;
  - a protecting cover pivoted to one of said peripheral sides adjacent to the keyboard of said shell by a coupling means thereof and adaptable to cover said keyboard, said protecting cover having an outer face, an inner face opposite to said outer face, a plurality of buttons located on said outer
  - 10 face, and a cursor controlling device located on said inner face; and
  - a cable means connected between said shell and said protecting cover for transmitting signals from said buttons and said cursor control.
2. The portable computer having a hidden keyboard structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein said cable means is comprised of a flexible printed circuit.
- 15 3. The portable computer having a hidden keyboard structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein said shell further comprises a plurality of buttons on the top face for signal input.
4. The portable computer having a hidden keyboard structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein said cursor controlling device is a touchpad.
- 20 5. The portable computer having a hidden keyboard structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein said cursor controlling device is a trackpoint.
6. The portable computer having a hidden keyboard structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein said keyboard is a standard 85-key keyboard.

7. The portable computer having a hidden keyboard structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein said portable computer is a tablet PC.